

APPENDIX A

4. (Amended) The device according to claim 5 wherein a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other than the base and head end connecting portions is coated with nickel by nickel plating.

5. (Amended) A connecting device for a sound generator comprising:

a pair of connecting spring flat plates disposed in a plane adjacent to the sound generator, each of the connecting spring flat plates comprising a base end connecting portion, an intermediate elongated flat portion, a branch portion, and a head end connecting portion, the intermediate portion and the branch portion forming an L-shape in the plane of the connecting spring plates, the branch portion being extended away from the other connecting spring plate and turned [in] into a U-shape at a halfway point so as to [be] overlap[ped] with a base portion [each other in a plane perpendicular to the plane] of the branch portion,

the base end connecting portion being constructed and arranged for connection to a terminal of a sound generator by soldering, and the head end connecting portion being turned [in] into a U-shape for connecting to a terminal of an outer circuit by pressing the head end connecting portion against the terminal,

a surface of the base end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating;

a surface of the head end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating, and

said coating with gold by gold plating being limited to the base and the head end connecting portions.